

*The Chamber*



# VOICE

*The Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce is the Heart and Voice of Walker County*

*April 2017*



**Youth Leadership Institute 2016-2017. See pages 4 & 5 for more!**

## *Member Spotlight...*



## *Welcome New Members:*

- Pecking Crow Handmade & More
- Camp Quality Texas
- Firestone Complete Auto Care
  - FIT Travel
- AFLAC-Shannon Kelton

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**CAROL'S CORNER**



Carol Smith

Hats off to the WCFA Officers, Directors and Executive Board along with residents of Walker County for "an investment in youth through community involvement" recently!! Corn dogs, funnel cakes and chicken-on-a-stick. YUM...I'm still having visions of those "once-a-year favorites" from Walker County Fair earlier this month. The

overall venue of the Fair

makes a large impact on the

economic development of Walker County. We will have those preliminary figures by mid-May and will pass along to you.

If you missed this year's 39th annual fair and rodeo, you missed a "community minded—youth centered" event. As with the tradition from the past years, once again our community teamed together, stepped up and supported the youngsters showing their various projects. From all accounts, attendance records were quite good. Premium livestock sales went well this year and, the sales supporting Horticulture, Foods, Arts, Metal/Wood projects, along with the Freezer Sale, all held the closing Saturday, supported a great group of Walker County students!

**Thanks to all** the Chamber friends and members who contributed to help us!!!

The Chamber of Commerce hosted a "Good Luck" reception at the Fair Grounds just prior to Opening Ceremonies on April 1 and along with the Freezer Sale on April 8. Sponsors included Brookshire Bros., HBI, Heartfield Florist, 1st Financial Bank, McGilberry Mechanical, Jennifer Davis (1st National Bank), Wharton

Insurance Network, Heartfield Florist, University Heights Baptist Church, MRC Creekside, Haney, Moorman, Paschal, LLC, Rockin' D Services, Amaya's Collision Center, Scott Francis (Edward Jones), Huntsville Rental Center (Glen Andrus), Margaret Gullledge (HMH) and Carol Sullivan (CSCU) and the Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors! **Thanks to all!!**

Many of you have asked "what does the Chamber do for me"? The Chamber helps support economic development for all of Walker County. Effective economic development in a community must include a wide array of elements, including growing the area. Memberships can be paid out in a variety of ways. These include a full annual amount, or semi-annual, quarterly, or a monthly draft. All these go to help us with marketing opportunities such as Small Business Breakfast, Business After Hours, Huntsville Leadership Institute as well as the many activities provided to our public schools, along with SHSU and Walker Co. Fair.

We have been working on our 2017 sponsorships over the past month or so. Thanks to First National Bank and First Financial Bank for being our two Platinum Level Members for 2017. There are at least fifty businesses in our Chairman's Circle of Investors that pay \$1,000 and above in membership & sponsorships. We appreciate all that they do for our community and for our Chamber.

All these are just a few examples of team work and community spirit. You are encouraged to partner together to help direct efforts to a stronger community filled with respect for one another. As we move into the spring season let's all continue to work as a **TEAM**; as is obvious, there is no "I" in that word. I look forward to seeing you soon, whether it's at a meeting of local organizations, or at one of our upcoming Chamber events!! So, for now, it's "Happy Trails"!!

Warm Regards, **YOUR** President, Carol Smith

**Member Spotlight...**

**Sam Houston State University Small Business Development Center (SHSU SBDC)** helps entrepreneurs start, manage and grow their businesses. Take advantage of their expert advice to get your business idea off the ground. The SBDC has taken thousands of new businesses from simple ideas to successful companies. Tap into their key services to help get your business started.



SBDC Staff: Business Advisor Kim McLerran, Administrative Associate Liz Bello, Business Advisor, Training & Event Coordinator Lori Logan, Certified Global Business Professional, Director Adjunct Professor Bob Barrajan

The SBDC offers critical advice on obtaining financing, targeting customers, managing cash, hiring employees and much more. The SHSU SBDC offers FREE

business advising, business research assistance, affordable business workshops, professional services network, financing assistance, drafting a business plan, certifications, licensing and sales and marketing assistance.

The SHSU SBDC helps businesses of all types, sizes and budgets find knowledge, resources and connections for effective expansion. Reach your full growth potential by accessing their specialty programs on how to sell to the government, trade globally as well as research and develop innovation.

Your small business success is import to all of us. Small businesses account for 99% of all U.S. businesses and employs over half the private-sector workforce. When you achieve your goals, we all win.

You do not have to be an expert to run a business. That is why you have the SBDC. Let us help you start and grow your small business, FREE of charge, providing personalized and confidential advising services.

Contact the SHSU SBDC to schedule an appointment with an advisor at 936-294-3737 or visit their website for more information and to register for workshops and events at: [www.samhoustonstateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net](http://www.samhoustonstateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net)

**ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

**HUNTSVILLE & WALKER COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

Employment	Huntsville Feb. 2017	Walker Co. Feb. 2017	Texas Feb. 2017	U.S. Feb. 2017	Huntsville Feb. 2016	Walker Co. Feb. 2016	Texas Feb. 2016	U.S. Feb. 2016
Total Labor Force	11,975	23,959	13,466,399	159,482,000	11,717	23,500	13,185,966	158,279,000
Total Employed	11,229	22,637	12,777,968	151,594,000	11,079	22,335	12,604,648	150,060,000
Total Unemployed	746	1,322	688,431	7,887,000	638	1,165	581,318	8,219,000
Percent Unemployed	6.2%	5.5%	5.1%	4.9%	5.4%	5.0%	4.4%	5.2%

Huntsville Building Permit Values	March 2017	March 2016	% Change
Building Residential	865,561	908,071	-0.05%
Commercial Building	1,174,021	1,800,700	-0.35%
Certificate of Compliance	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other	6,342,100	784,035	7.09%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,381,682</b>	<b>3,492,806</b>	<b>1.40%</b>

Walker County Sales Tax Payments	Apr. 2017	Apr. 2016	% Change	2017 YTD	2016 YTD	% Change
Huntsville (1.5%)	1,237,317.50	554,191.79	123.26%	3,268,470.75	2,586,473.19	26.36%
New Waverly (1.5%)	26,521.45	22,135.92	19.81%	150,573.70	157,022.69	-4.10%
Riverside (1.5%)	10,607.74	11,140.87	-4.78%	42,063.68	44,529.97	-5.53%
Walker County (.5%)	467,276.91	232,747.89	100.76%	1,323,076.13	1,063,870.49	24.36%

**Sources**  
 Employment: Texas Workforce Commission ([www.tracer2.com](http://www.tracer2.com))  
 Bldg. Prmt. Valuations: City of Huntsville  
 Sales Tax Payments: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Window on State Government Web Site (<http://www.window.state.tx.us>)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 4**  
 5:30 - 8:30 P.M. \* SHSU ISC BALLROOM

**ROARING Twenties** \$35 / \$45 AT DOOR  
 BUY 5 TICKETS, GET ONE FREE!

COME DRESSED AS A FLAPPER, GANGSTER, SILENT SCREEN STAR, OR COME AS YOU ARE!

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**COSTUME CONTEST**

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 Tickets on sale July 1



# RECENT MEMBER RENEWALS

Elliott Electric Supply

Econo Lodge

Caroline Crimm

Huntsville Nazarene Church

Josey, Robert A. Lodge Inc.

City of Huntsville

Forum at Sam Houston

Bosworth Roofing Inc.

Sam Houston Memorial

Funeral Home

First Baptist Church

Wesley Memorial United

Methodist Church

Wally's Party Factory

Lucky Star Cleaners

Gerald Etheredge

Spirit Exposition Services

Unique Tan

Rainbow International

Restoration & Cleaning

Prosperity Bank- New Waverly

First National Bank of

Huntsville

Rodan + Fields - Becky Roche,

Level V Executive Consultant

11th Street Veterinary Hospital

Atkinson Toyota Madisonville

Promo World

The Upholstery Room

Texas Center for Regional

Studies

Bridge Benefit Solutions

## Meet Your Ambassadors ~ Kim Williams

Kim Williams is Vice President of First Financial Bank at the New Waverly Banking Center and has worked in New Waverly for over twenty five years. She began her banking career at InterFirst Bank of Conroe in 1983. In 1991 she came to work for New Waverly State Bank and remained there until November 2016 when she joined First Financial Bank. Kim is currently the V. P. of Consumer Loans at the New Waverly location. First Financial Bank has been serving the financial needs of customers just like you for more than 126 years with multiple banking regions throughout Texas.



Kim Williams

Kim Williams previously served on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and now participates as an Ambassador by helping with CHOICES Training, a program for the 8th graders in the County. She stated "As a Chamber Ambassador I think it is important to teach our 8th graders about "CHOICES" for their future. As an Ambassador, I attending Ribbon Cuttings and Prize Patrol visits thanking current members." When asked how the Chamber and Ambassador program relates to the community as a whole Kim answered, "I believe the Huntsville Walker County Chamber helps promote visitors and growth to our community and our County, with events such as Fair on The Square."

Kim has been married to Jimmy Williams, who is the Fire Marshal for Montgomery County. She has a daughter Morgan, who graduated from Texas A&M and recently married; she currently lives in Manhattan, Kansas. Their son, Salyden, is a kindergartener at New Waverly ISD and definitely keeps them young. On weekends they enjoy camping at the lake and traveling to see their daughter out of state.

**The Chamber V.O.I.C.E.** is a monthly publication that highlights people who are the heart of the Chamber, recognizes the countless volunteers who dedicate their time and talents, gives insight to the endless opportunities to network and connect with others, promotes ideas for involvement from businesses and/or organizations that make up the membership, provides communication to the Huntsville-Walker County community, and keeps you abreast of the events within the chamber and our town.

Hat's off to the following members who recently renewed their Chamber membership. Marketing, advertising and networking are just a few of the benefits of Chamber membership. **We encourage everyone to shop with Chamber members.**

## Prize Patrol Makes Stops All Over

The Chamber Ambassador "Prize Patrol" continues to be very busy celebrating with many business members. The Ambassadors make "surprise" visits, complete with balloons and cookies to show appreciation to Chamber business members. Shown here are March visits made to (1)L & J Detail Shop (2) Citizens National Bank (3) Prosperity Bank (4) Ward Furniture & Flooring (5) Schlotzskys. Don't be alarmed if you notice a group of excited individuals entering your business soon with balloons and goodies to share. This is a great way the Chamber is helping to highlight and market our members. For more information on being an Ambassador call the Chamber at 295-8113.



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# Youth Leadership I

The Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) is a program that was initiated in Spring 2013 between the City of Huntsville and the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce to provide meaningful activities and training to students across Walker County and opportunities to become community leaders of the future.

Approximately 20 to 25 students are selected each Fall from the Junior class across the county to participate in YLI. Students apply to the school they attend by filling out an application. The school makes the selections and submits to the Chamber.

The students discover more about their home town and surrounding area. They tour and learn more about some of the important entities that make the community great. They learn the importance of effective leadership and communication skills. They begin to understand that developing leadership traits can help mold them into future leaders and they begin to understand the value of becoming an active citizen in our community.



# *Institute 2016-2017*



**14<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Shot in the Dark  
Night Golf  
Tournament**

Hosted by the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Team Dodge Chrysler Jeep, the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Shot in the Dark Night Golf Tournament is Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at Raven Nest Golf Club.

**REGISTRATION IS  
NOW AVAILABLE!**

Daylight holes sponsored by Samaritan Women's Care will begin with a shotgun start at 4:00 p.m. The nightlight holes sponsored by Texas ENT & Allergy will begin close to dusk.

Cost is only \$500 for a 4 man team. This includes dinner sponsored by Wiesner, Inc.-Huntsville, cart, snacks provided by Lone Star Commissary & Domino's Pizza, beverages provided by Conroe-Coca-Cola, Faust Distributing & Stevenson Distributing, golf towels sponsored by Re-MAX-Stacey Roberts & Walker County Federal Credit Union, golf balls sponsored by Sherwin Williams Paint Co., glow in the dark accessories, a t-shirt & cap and much more! And teams can warm up early on the driving range sponsored by Mid South Synergy.

Many new fun twists and turns, including a Golf Ball Launcher sponsored by Bill Fick Ford and a Golden Ticket sponsored by First National Bank which offers golfers several Mulligans at NO additional charge!

Win a Yeti Cooler on the Putting Green sponsored by Raising Canes and Walker County ACE Hardware AND you could WIN \$10,000 with a Hole-In-One, Sponsored by Team Dodge or the Hard Luck Award sponsored by HBI! This is just a few of the fantastic prizes to be had by the golfers as they check their scores on the Edwin Jones Investments-Scott Francis Scoreboard!

**To reserve a team call the chamber TODAY at  
936-295-8113 or go to the chamber website at  
[www.chamber.huntsville.tx.us](http://www.chamber.huntsville.tx.us)!  
A limited number is available so don't delay!**

**WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS MARCH**

The following businesses recently joined the Chamber and we extend **A WARM CHAMBER WELCOME**. The information printed was gained from membership applications. For any additions and/or corrections, contact the Chamber as complete membership information is vital to your records with us. **Our most recent new members we welcome:**

**Pecking Crow Handmade & More-** a Veteran and family owned business with a love for quality and uniqueness, Bradley and DeAnn began their journey into the world of handmade crafts and furniture. By offering children's clothing, jewelry, and then some, they opened their store that also has vendor space available for handmade crafters and individuals who share the same love. They have a love for camping and outdoor lifestyles as well, which led them to offer Wise food products, which has a 25 year shelf life for sale; these products will enhance your outdoor experience. Give them a call at 936-439-6706, or better yet stop by their "Unique" shop. You will be glad you did!

**Camp Quality Texas-** A volunteer organization that has built its reputation on personalized care for children and their siblings with cancer. Surrounded by loving volunteers who care and loads of fun experience, Camp Quality campers find courage to be themselves...and get to experience being kids again. The primary responsibility is to make sure their campers have the most enjoyable, safe, relaxing and restoring experience possible. This creates a bond that continues long after camp is over, and oftentimes for years to come. For more information, contact Anneliese Kulakofsky at 281-658-4087, or visit their website at [www.campqualityusa.org/tx](http://www.campqualityusa.org/tx)

**Firestone Complete Auto Care-** Since 1926, drivers have trusted Firestone Complete Auto Care to keep their vehicles running well. As America's auto care needs have grown and changed, so have we. A leading provider of maintenance, repairs, and tires, we believe in offering a total auto care experience that perfectly meets your needs. Their promise to the customer is to have the BEST service and only the right solutions for your auto care needs. They will celebrate their Grand Opening on June 30th at 11:30 am. For more information visit their website at [www.firestonecompleteautocare.com](http://www.firestonecompleteautocare.com) or give them a call at 936-295-6409.

**FIT Travel-** You can't spell FUN without YOU and you deserve to have fun! Whether it is an Alaska adventure, Caribbean sun or relaxing on a European River Cruise, we provide professional service to "FIT" your budget and all your travel needs. If you are looking for land, air, or sea travel we specialize in group cruises, resorts (including all inclusive), booking tours and excursions (international and domestic). Let us bring you to the fun! For more information contact Mike Kelton at 936-594-9793, 936-994-8341, or 281-615-7187 and by email at [fittravelkk@gmail.com](mailto:fittravelkk@gmail.com)

**AFLAC-Shannon Kelton-** Since 1955 AFLAC has been helping families in need and is family owned and operated business. For the last 11 years, AFLAC has been voted one of the most ethical companies in Ethosphere Magazine. We are a supplemental health and accident insurance company that is available whether you have major medical insurance or not. When your insurance company is paying your doctor/hospital bills, we are paying YOU! Plans can start as low as \$4.00 a week, and we are the only company that offers one day pay. For more information contact Shannon Kelton at 936-994-8341 or by email at [shannon\\_kelton@us.aflac.com](mailto:shannon_kelton@us.aflac.com)

**GoldCloud Correction** - contact us at [GCHuntsville@GoldCloud.co](mailto:GCHuntsville@GoldCloud.co) or by phone at 832-620-0318.

**Ribbon Cuttings**



**Walker County Federal Credit Union**

**Walker County Federal Credit Union-** Celebrated their Ribbon Cutting with Staff, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on March 22, 2017. They provide high quality financial services, and remain driven to their Member's needs, and are dedicated to providing courteous, efficient, and professional service. For more information contact them at 936-291-2171 or stop by their facility located at 1802 Normal Park.



**Cyclone Graffix Car Wraps**

**Cyclone Graffix Car Wraps-** Along with family, Staff, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors, Cyclone Graffix Car Wraps celebrated their Ribbon Cutting on March 29, 2017. If you want to get noticed driving down the road, consider getting your car or truck wrapped. Using the best quality products in the industry to better serve you, they will work with you to create the perfect vision. For more information contact them at 936-439-6711, or stop by their location at 2703 Sam Houston Avenue.

# Small Business Breakfast

Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

Thanks to **MARJI Skin Care & Cosmetic Studio** for sponsoring the April Chamber Small Business Breakfast. MARJI is Huntsville's new skincare and cosmetic expert. She is the founder of the private label beauty line that carries her name. Marji shared, "With decades of beauty styling experience which includes Nordstrom on the East Coast and the Houston Galleria, I can bring uptown insights with a hometown heart. At my studio located at 1217 Avenue M, you'll experience my skincare and cosmetic discoveries to create a fresh, naturally polished look that can be duplicated by even the novice. As a mature woman in my late 60's, I love to share my collection of the best in anti-aging products, along with unique solutions to specific skin issues." Marji teaches her clients to use make-up to enhance, rather than to hide one's natural beauty.

For your personal consultation, call her at 860-878-8172 or email [beautybymarji@gmail.com](mailto:beautybymarji@gmail.com); FACEBOOK: MARJI



Marji Payne presented "Real Women, Real Beauty" at Small Business Breakfast.

## Promoting Our Positives

"Promoting Our Positives" is one of our committees here at the Chamber that helps support Huntsville ISD in a number of different ways. The Hornet flags were a project of the POP Committee several years ago and over 10,000 children books were gathered this past year. This year gift cards have been collected to help with disadvantaged students. To date there have been approximately \$20,000 in cards that have been turned in to the HISD Business Office for this need. This can cover all types of needs including food, housing, clothing, school supplies, etc. If you have not yet donated, please feel free to bring gift cards by the Chamber!!

## What's Happening!

- **Business After Hours** – April 27, 5:15p.m.  
hosted & sponsored by Gibbs Street Manor in New Waverly
- **Small Business Breakfast**- May 11, Doors open at 7:30a.m. at Golden Corral, sponsored by Inspirational Graphic Designs
- **14th Annual Shot in the Dark Golf Tournament**, Friday, May 19 at Raven Nest Golf Club, sponsored by Team Dodge
- **HLI Class #35 Graduation Ceremony**, Thursday, June 1st, at Elkins Lake Clubhouse
- **8th Annual DIVA NIGHT**, Friday, August 4th  
Theme: The Roaring 20's; sponsored by Wiesner, Inc. Huntsville

# business after hours

Thanks to **Sears** for sponsoring and hosting the March Chamber Business After Hours. Owner Damon Fenley shared, "We are very excited to serve the Huntsville area in a bigger and better store and even better location than ever before! This store has expanded its mattress assortment and now includes the Sealy, Tempurpedic and Stearns & Foster brands. We have also increased our appliance selection along with our tools and lawn and garden products!"

"We look forward to giving you the best service, along with the best overall value. Come see us on April 27-29 for our official Grand Opening which will have some of the best prices of the year along with several drawings for prizes that we are giving away including a 42" riding lawn mower! We will have lunch for all three days as well." Sears is now located at 291 I-45 next to Academy. You can reach them at 936-295-8121, on the web at [www.searshardware-stores.com/home/tx/huntsville/5688](http://www.searshardware-stores.com/home/tx/huntsville/5688). Their hours are Monday thru Saturday 8:00AM - 9:00PM and Sunday 9:00AM - 6:00PM.



Pictured from left to right are: Jesse Perez - Sales Associate, Jose Tello - Home Installer, Ricky Harrell - Sales Associate, David Cortez - Store Manager, Damon Fenley - Store Owner, Gary Dunklin - Sales Associate, Pete Gabriel - Store Associate and Corey Foster - Sales Associate



## Seminar Schedule

April - May, 2017

### New Texas Taxpayer Seminar FREE

Thursday, April 27, 2017 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Location: SHSU SBDC Computer Lab (address listed below)

Taxpayer seminars are geared toward new taxpayers, but offer helpful information for all taxpayers. They include an overview of tax responsibilities and information on voluntary compliance with sales tax laws and regulations. Each seminar is also driven by discussion and attendees are encouraged to bring their questions and comments.

Texas Taxpayer seminars are conducted by the Comptroller's Enforcement Division with offices in 28 locations across Texas.  
Please register to save your space.



### Annual Small Business Celebration Luncheon

Thursday, May 25, 2017 11:30 am - 1:30 pm  
LOCATION: Katy and E. Don Walker Education Center  
1400 19th St., Huntsville, TX

**FREE** Luncheon for all area Small Businesses to celebrate their dedication and hard work!

Presentation of 2017 Reader's Choice Awards

Seating is limited — please register early at the link listed below.

Please register and reserve your spot at: <http://samhoustonsateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net>  
2405 Ave I, Huntsville, TX 77340 (behind Dominoes Pizza)  
936-294-3737

# Your 2017 Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

## 2017 Officers

Carol Sullivan, Chairman of the Board .....Community Service Credit Union  
 Bart Davis, Immediate Past Chair/Nominating.....Davis Construction Management  
 Ken Holland, Treasurer/Secretary .....University Heights Baptist Church  
 Sam Donnell, Vice Chair Community Affairs .....Rockin' D Services, Inc.  
 Scott Francis, Vice Chair Eco. Dev./Tourism & 2018 Chair Elect ..Edward Jones Investments  
 Dr. Margaret Gullede, Vice Chair Membership Development Huntsville Memorial Hospital  
 Tammie Nokes, Vice Chair Membership/Communication.....McGilberry Mechanical  
 Dr. Kristy Vienne, Vice Chair Business Services.....Sam Houston State University  
 Trey Wharton, Vice Chair Community Growth .....Wharton Insurance Network  
 Carol Smith, President.....Chamber of Commerce

## Directors

Glen Andrus, Community Events Council.....Huntsville Rental Center  
 Jason Bay, Community Services Council.....First Baptist Church  
 Daniel Bayes, Existing Business Council .....Bayes Achievement Center  
 Jack Choate, Communications/Resource Council.....Special Prosecutors Unit  
 Jennifer Davis, Networking Council..... First National Bank of Huntsville  
 Tom Fordyce, Economic Development Council.....Salt Creek Ranch  
 Jimmy Henry, Economic Development Council.....Walker County Commissioner  
 Mark Holt, Economic Development Council.....Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3  
 Tim Hooks, Education Council.....Huntsville ISD  
 James Logan, Existing Business Council.....MRC Creekside  
 Jacob Paschal, Natural Resources/Ag Council.....Haney, Moorman, Paschal, P.C.  
 Marcus Payne, Community Growth Council.....Citizens National Bank  
 Murphy Smith, Community Events Council.....Global Financial Partners  
 Kyle Whisenhunt, Community Growth Council.....First Financial Bank  
 Andrea Wass, Member Events Council.....The Cellar Wine Lounge  
 Lee Woodward, Membership Development Council.....City of Huntsville

## Chamber Staff

Carol Smith.....President  
 Laura Green.....Events & Communications Manager  
 Lydia Montgomery.....Membership Coordinator  
 Shannon Higbie.....Office Manager  
 Gwen Lucas.....Receptionist/Secretary

## OUR MISSION:

*To promote an environment to enhance  
 the economic success of business  
 in Walker County.*

## Contact Us

The Chamber V.O.I.C.E. is the monthly newsletter of the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce. For story ideas, calendar of events, advertising information or any other contributions to this publication, please contact the Chamber at 295-8113 or toll free 877-646-8068, by mail at PO Box 538-Huntsville, TX 77342, by fax at 295-0571 or by e-mail at [chamber@chamber.huntsville.tx.us](mailto:chamber@chamber.huntsville.tx.us). The chamber web site can be viewed at <http://www.chamber.huntsville.tx.us>. The Chamber office, located at 1327 11th Street in Huntsville, is open from 9-5 weekdays. Switchboard from 8:30-5.

## Chamber Calendar

### APRIL

- 18 HLI-Business Tours
- 18 Executive Board Meeting, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 18 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ IHOP
- 20 Board Meeting, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 20 Thursday LEADS Group, 8:00 am @ TBD
- 25 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 25 Ambassador Meeting @ Chamber, 10:30 am
- 27 Thursday LEADS Group, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 27 Ribbon Cutting, 11:30 am @ new Sears (next to Academy)
- 27 Business After Hours, 5:15-6:15 pm @ Gibbs Street Manor, 525 Gibbs St., New Waverly
- 28 HLI Board Meeting, 12:00 pm @ Chamber

### MAY

- 2 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 2 Youth Leadership Awards, 5:00 pm at City Hall
- 4 Thursday LEADS Group, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 4 Wine Down/Shop Small 5:00-9:00 pm, Downtown Square
- 5 Leadercast, 7:00 am @ SHSU
- 10 Tourism Meeting, 8:30 am @ Chamber
- 10 POP Committee Meeting, 2:00 pm @ Chamber
- 10 Ribbon Cutting, 4:15 pm @ Century 21-Alpha Associates, 1304 10th St.
- 11 Small Business Breakfast, 7:30 am @ Golden Corral sponsored by Inspirational Graphics
- 16 Executive Board Meeting, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 16 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ IHOP
- 18 Board Meeting, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 18 HLI Day - Economic Development & Tourism
- 19 Shot in the Dark Tournament, 3:00 pm @ Raven Nest Golf Course
- 23 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
- 23 Ambassador Meeting @ Chamber, 10:30 am
- 25 Business After Hours, 5:15-6:15 pm @ Abe's 3 Spoons Yogurt, 1524 11th St. Suite B
- 29 Chamber Office closed-Memorial Day
- 30 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber

## Community Calendar of Events

### APRIL

- 20 6:00 pm-9:00 pm Rotary Club Trivia Night @ Gibbs Conference Center
- 21 10:00 am Walker Cty. Retired Teachers Mtg. @ HISD Transportation- 95 Martin Luther King Dr
- 22 10:00 am-2:00 pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Joshua's Forge
- 22 8:00 am-Noon AARP Driver Safety Course @1st Presbyterian Church
- 26-29 8:00 pm- SHSU Theatre "Hairspray" @ Univ. Theatre Center  
2:00 pm on Saturday
- 29 10:00 am-1:00 pm Book signing by local author Judith Sower @Lottie's Books located at 325 Hwy. 190 East

### MAY

- 4 5:00 pm-9:00 pm Wine Down, Shop Small @ Town Square Huntsville
- 4-6 8:00 pm SHSU Dance Theatre Senior Studio @Gaertner Arts Center
- 5 7:00 am-4:00 pm LEADERCAST @ SHSU Gaertner Center
- 5 8:00 pm Neon for Neurons @ HMH Center for Rehab
- 6 9:00 am-4:00 pm Airing of the Quilts 2017 @ Downtown Huntsville
- 6 Cinco de Mayo Festival
- 8 7:00 pm Dance Theatre Non-Majors Workshop @ Gaertner Arts Center
- 12 9:00 am-3:00 pm 30th Annual Sam Houston Folk Festival @ Museum Grounds
- 13 10:00 am-6:00 pm 30th Annual Sam Houston Folk Festival @ Museum Grounds
- 14 Noon-5:00 pm 30th Annual Sam Houston Folk Festival @ Museum Grounds
- 19 3:00 pm Shot in the Dark Golf Tournament @ Raven Nest Club
- 20 Symposium on Edible Landscape/Master Gardners @ 102 Tam Rd. St. B